

APPENDIX C

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Office of Water – National Water Program Guidance FY 2009

Change from FY 2008 Guidance Document		Reason for Change	Effected Pages and Sections
Priorities	No change	Not applicable	
Strategies	Environmental Justice Considerations. The National Water Program places emphasis on achieving results in areas with potential environmental justice concerns through two national EJ priorities under Goal 2 that are covered by the Water Safe to Drink and Fish and Shellfish Safe to Eat sub-objectives (2.1.1 and 2.1.2 respectively) and other EJ water related elements (US-Mexico Border, Pacific Islands, and Alaska Villages programs).	To align the Environmental Justice Action Plan to specific achievements of goals in the EPA Strategic Plan and National Water Programs. An EJ section was added to the Guidance.	Pages 77, Section VI
	Develop a national measure of implementation of water restoration plans for the FY 2010 National Water Program Guidance. Over the next several months and by the finalization of this <i>Guidance</i> in April, OW will develop a Measure Development Plan that will include actions and milestones for developing a national measure. Also see change to WQ-21.	To obtain data concerning progress toward implementation of the pollution controls needed to restore designated uses in impaired waters. A new measure will help specify key program actions for implementation and define waters that are “in the pipeline” toward full standards attainment.	Page 32-33
Annual Commitment Measures	Measures SDW-7a, b, c: Text and definition for all 3 measures were revised for FY 2009 to track the percent of deep injection wells that lose mechanical integrity and are returned to compliance within 180 days.	Aligning measures to PART and revising measure definition to improve planning and reporting.	Page 13 of the narrative and detailed measure information for SDW-7 in Appendix D.
	Measures SDW-8: Revise measure text and definition to track the percent of high priority	Revising measure definition and text to improve planning and reporting.	Page 13 of the narrative and detailed measure

	Class V wells identified in sensitive ground water protection areas that are closed or permitted. Measure will still sent targets and commitments and report results in both percent and number of wells.		information for SDW-8 in Appendix D.
	<p>Measures WQ-19a and b:</p> <p>(1) Revised measure text: “Number, and national percent, of high priority <i>state</i> NPDES permits and high priority <i>state and EPA (including tribal)</i> NPDES permits, that are issued in the fiscal year.</p> <p>(2) Measure definition will be revised to ensure that a universe is available in time for target and commitment setting in each fiscal year.</p> <p>Under the current measure, commitments are finalized prior to the start of a fiscal year (in September), but the universe is not established until January of that fiscal year (4 months later).</p>	<p>In an effort to improve planning and reporting of this measure and ensure that a universe is provided at the annual commitment stage, revisions are proposed for the measure text and definition.</p> <p>In order for this measure to comport with the cycle of other measures, to simplify the process, and to be more transparent, EPA is proposing to shift the time period for locking down the priority permits universe. EPA is also proposing to shift to a commitment for the number of priority permits issued rather than a percentage for FY 2010. The new schedule would allow the universe to be available before the time of the target and commitment setting. Planning for FY 2010 measure development need to begin immediately to ensure that a universe is developed by early 2009. The Office of Water seeks comments and feedback on the proposed changes.</p>	Page 26 of the narrative. The current measure and proposed changes are presented in Appendix D under detailed information for WQ-19a and b.
	Measure WQ-21: For FY 2009, georeferencing data will be requested for reported segments.	<p>To help obtain data concerning progress toward implementation of the pollution controls needed to restore designated uses in impaired waters.</p> <p>Georeferencing data will also help the development of a new measure to track implementation and define waters that are “in the pipeline” toward full standards attainment.</p>	Page 32-33; detailed measure information for WQ-21 in Appendix D

	Measure CO-1: Measure text was modified to “Number of coastal waterbodies identified in 2002 as not attaining water quality standards where standards are now fully attained.”	Modify measure text to align to SP-10.	Page 35; detailed measure information for CO-1 in Appendix D
	Measure CO-2: Measure was modified to track total coastal and non-coastal acres protected from vessel sewage by “no discharge zone(s).”	Measure was modified to track both inland and coastal no discharge zones (NDZs). NDZs will be measured in area, not coastline miles. As a result, the "universe" will consist of the total area of water eligible to be designated as a NDZ under the current regulations.	Page 35-36; detailed measure information for CO-2 in Appendix D
	Measure WT-4: Measure was modified to track the number of states measuring and reporting baseline wetland condition using condition indicators and assessments.	Modify measure text and definition to improve planning and set more realistic reporting goals for the regions.	Page 41; detailed measure information for WT-4 in Appendix D
	Measure SP-24: Measure was modified to track the number of additional homes provided safe drinking water in the U.S-Mexico Border area.	Modify measure text to align to PART measure.	Detailed measure information for SP-24 in Appendix D
	Measure SP-25: Measure was modified to track the number of additional homes provided adequate wastewater sanitation in the U.S-Mexico Border area.	Modify measure text to align to PART measure.	Detailed measure information for SP-25 in Appendix D
	Measure GL-5: Number of Beneficial Use Impairments removed within Areas of Concern.	Add a new measure from the 2007 PART review.	Detailed measure information for GL-5 in Appendix D
	Measure GM-2: Measure deleted for FY 2009	Measure is no longer needed because the reduction target has been met and the cooperative effort between EPA and FDA is complete.	Measure not in FY 2009 NPG
Tracking Process	No Change	Not applicable	
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